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**BEAM TRAWLERS  
GLUT MARKET**

**Practically No Trade at T Wharf—About Everything Going to Splitters.**

The fresh fish trade at T wharf, Boston, this morning, started off poorly indeed, there being but little demand, and in consequence thereof but few of the crafts took out any of their fares at all.

The bottom seems to have dropped right out of the market, just as it usually does about this time of the year and nearly all the fares including even the small boats will necessarily have to bring their trips to the splitters to salt.

The largest trips in were the steam trawlers Spray, 116,000 pounds; Foam, 106,000 pounds; Ripple, 118,000 pounds; Heroine, 97,000 pounds and 12,000 pounds flounders; schs. Independence II, 60,000 pounds; Jeanette, 94,000 pounds; Josie and Phoebe, 92,000 pounds; Valerie, 105,000 pounds; Onato, 40,000 pounds.

Wholesalers paid \$1.25 to \$1.75 a hundred pounds for the few haddock that were taken out \$2.75 to \$4 for large cod, \$1.75 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$3 for hake and \$2 for pollock.

**Boston Arrivals.**

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Str. Mary F. Ruth, 16,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 pollock.  
Str. Spray, 112,000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Str. Foam, 100,000 haddock, 6000 cod.  
Str. Ripple, 114,000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Str. Heroine, 82,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 12,000 lbs. flounders.  
Sch. Independence II, 50,600 cod, 7000 cusk, 3000 pollock, 700 halibut.  
Sch. Jeanette, 50,000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 4000 cusk, 500 halibut.  
Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 50,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 14,000 hake, 20,000 cusk, 1000 halibut.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 20,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 30,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Pontiac, 500 haddock, 2000 cod, 9000 hake.  
Sch. Gertrude DeCosta, 6000 haddock, 4500 cod, 15,000 hake.  
Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 500 haddock, 4500 cod, 2500 hake.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 14,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Valerie, 85,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 7000 cusk, 1000 halibut.  
Sch. Onato, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 4000 hake, 1000 pollock.  
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2200 cod.  
Sch. Olivia Sears, 2300 cod.  
Sch. Dixie, 3000 cod.  
Sch. M. Madeline, 6300 cod.  
Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75 to \$4; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2; cusk, \$1.50; halibut, 12 cents for white and for gray.

**TODAY'S FISH MARKET.**

**Salt Fish.**

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.  
Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.  
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.  
Cusk, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.  
Pollock, \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.50.  
Haddock, \$1.50.

**Fresh Fish.**

Splitting prices:  
Haddock, \$1 per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.  
Peak cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 70c.  
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, \$1.  
Cusk, large, \$1.30; medium, \$1; snappers, 50c.  
Dressed pollock, 90c, round, 80c.

Bank halibut, 10-1-2c for white and 8-3-4c for gray.

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**SCH. RHODORA  
HAS HALIBUT**

**Gill Netters Had Two Fair Days But Prices Today Are Low.**

Sch. Rhodora, Capt. C. Augustus Peterson, is in this morning with a nice trip of halibut, hailing for 28,000 pounds which were taken down on Emerald Bank. The fare sold to the American Halibut Company at 10-1-4 cents a pound for white and nine cents for gray.

Down from Boston is sch. Priscilla Smith with 40,000 pounds of fresh fish to split, while others of the fleet are expected during the day.

The gill netters had over 100,000 pounds of haddock and cod for Saturday and Sunday, but will make but little profit on account of the slack market.

**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:  
Sch. Priscilla Smith, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 3300 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nomad, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Enterprise gill netting, 4800 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Hope, gill netting 1400 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Evelyn H. gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Ethel, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mary L., gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mystery, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Sawyer gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 22,000 lbs. fresh fish, (went to Boston.)  
Str. Dolphin gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nora B. Robinson gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Lydia, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Harold II., gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Rhodora, Emerald Bank, 28,000 lbs. fresh halibut.  
Sch. Massasoit, shore.  
Sch. Mildred Robinson, via Boston.

**Saturday's Gill Netting Arrivals.**

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Randolph, gill netting 700 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Quoddy gill netting 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Harold II., gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nomad, gill netting 4500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Philomena, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Hugo, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting 2700 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Ethel, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mary L., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Harold, gill netting 1200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 2600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 3800 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Lorena, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Dolphin gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Swan gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Carrie and Mildred gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Robert and Edwin gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Joanna, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.

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**START POLLOCK  
SEINING NOW**

Vessels on the doubling up in the capacity of the Central Wharf Cold Storage Co.'s plant, at Portland, will commence next week, and a few days will witness the start in laying the foundations of the new and immense refrigerating plant which the New England Cold Storage Co. will erect at the corner of Maple and Commercial streets. The directors of the company at a meeting held Thursday voted to proceed immediately with the construction of the building and ground will be broken this week for the foundation.

Several of the fishing steamers which have been hauled up all winter at Central wharf, Portland, are being made ready for sea. The Elthier will start out today to seine for pollock under the command of Capt. Eben Brown.

**Provincetown Fishing Notes.**

Since last report the fishermen have had bad weather, gales of wind and fog to contend with. Friday of last week was a record breaker. Sloop Dart of Provincetown landed 50 barrels of flounders at Hyannis, and 12 boats brought in some 300 barrels; prices very low. The season is about over for flounder fishing. Most of the boats will leave and get ready for netting mackerel off the Jersey coast, later Long Island and Vineyard Sound.

Sch. Eleanor DeCosta, recently in collision with sch. Jessie Costa, shared \$27 each on the trip landed Monday. The insurance company paid each man \$5.50 each, so that the trip actually netted them \$32.50.

The following crew shares were reported Tuesday: sch. Jessie Costa, \$12 each; sch. Delphine Cabral, \$48.50 each (two trips).

Sch. Annie Perry was at Gloucester last week to paint.

**Nova Scotia Catch in February.**

During the month of February the winter fishery catches of Nova Scotia according to the government bulletin at hand, showed the greatest trade to have been in lobsters, of which 8,117 hundredweights were taken from the water and making a total valuation of \$81,144, the output was marketed in 951 cases and 5,740 hundredweights were shipped in the shell; 6,021 hundredweights of cod were caught, 2,334 hundredweights being sold fresh and 1,189 dried. The value stood at \$12,219. Haddock were about equal to cod, both in the quantity taken and the prices realized. The next best item was hake and cusk, the hauls aggregating 3,302 hundredweights bringing about one cent per pound, 736 hundredweight of smelts were taken and sold for \$5,333.

The value of the month's fishing for the province was \$117,965, exclusive of Annapolis county and Hants and Kings, where there was no winter fishing.

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**Fishermen Came Here Yesterday.**

Some 40 fishermen who arrived at Boston on the steamer Boston for Yarmouth, N. S., came here yesterday to engage in fishing from this port.

**Vessels Sailed.**

Sch. Mystery, halibuting.  
Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, south netting.  
Sch. Judique, Magdalen Islands.

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**MAGDALENS  
CLEAR OF ICE**

The following was received from Amherst Harbor, Magdalens, over the Western Union Telegraph company's wire yesterday: Pleasant Bay clear of ice. All herring gear ready and the herring are expected at any moment. Halifax Herald, April 12.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

A large number of Nova Scotia vessels, bound to Magdalen for bait, passed through the strait of Canso last week, as that section was all clear of ice.

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**STANLEY'S WIND-UP  
TRIP WAS A DANDY**

**Hustling Skipper Will  
Now Manage Maine Cold  
Storage Concern.**

To Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, who commanded the sch. Arethusa on her last trip out, belongs the honor of landing the biggest fresh fish fare of the season. While the stock and share is one of the notables ones of the winter, it is lower than it ordinarily would have been, had the craft been favored with any kind of a market.

To be exact about it, the Arethusa weighed off just 173,589 pounds, mostly all codfish, stocking \$3759.60 from which the crew of 25 men shared \$81 clear to a man.

Capt. Stanley left here March 21 and arrived home again April 9. Four days of the time out, the vessel was laid up at Nova Scotia on account of a broken boom. Could Capt. Stanley have struck one of these Lenten markets of a few weeks ago when haddock and cod soared to the top notch, there is no telling what his stock might have been.

This is Capt. Stanley's last trip fishing and he will give up the sea after a most successful career to manage the McKinley Freezer Company down in McKinley, Me., where he has been in charge for about a year. Capt. Clayton Morrissey who remained ashore this trip on account of serious illness of his wife will resume command of the Arethusa again.

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**EMPLOYERS HAD  
A CONFERENCE**

**Will Meet Fish Workers'  
Committee Tomorrow to  
Again Consider Raise.**

A meeting of the committee representing the employers of labor in the fish cutting lots was held last evening to take action on the request of the committee from the workmen for another conference relative to the request of the workmen for an increase of wages, and it was voted to meet the committee of the workmen tomorrow evening.



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# MORE FARES DOWN TO SPLIT

## Sch. Harmony Sold Big Halibut Trip Here to Take Out in Boston.

Outside of the monster fare of sch. Harmony which was landed here yesterday afternoon and went to Boston, the only arrivals of consequence are several trips down from Boston to split.

They are schs. Independence II with 130,000 pounds; Valerie, 105,000 pounds which went to the Cunningham & Thompson Company; Vanessa, 75,000 pounds to George Perkins & Son; Belbina P. Domingoes, Harriet and Jeanette, 50,000 pounds each to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

The gill netting fleet brought in 75,000 pounds yesterday, about 80 per cent. haddock and the remainder cod which was shipped to Boston on the morning's boat.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Harmony, Green Bank, 75,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 3000 lbs. salt cod, (went to Boston).

Sch. Valerie, via Boston, 105,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Vanessa, via Boston, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Harriett, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jeanette, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Harold II., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 2600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hope, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 4300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Harold, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Swan, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lydia, gill netting, 2400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Randolph, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie A., gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Onato, via Boston.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, shore.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges hand-line.

Sch. Marjie Turner, halibuting.

Sch. Monarch, south seining.

Sch. Lafayette, south netting.

Sch. Muriel, drifting.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, Pensacola.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

**Salt Fish.**

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.

Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; mediums, \$4.25.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

**Fresh Fish.**

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

Peak cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 70c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 90c, round, 80c.

Bank halibut, 10 1-2c for white and 8 3-4c for gray.

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# BRIGHAM HAS A BIG CATCH

## Knockabout Aspinet Is at T Wharf This Morning With 125,000 Pounds.

There was but little change in the aspect of the fresh fish market at T wharf, Boston, this forenoon, the 15 fares which has arrived since yesterday being more than ample to meet all demands.

Of the off shores, sch. Aspinet has the largest fare, hailing for 125,000 pounds. Several of the shore boats have good fares, but the market unfortunately is poor.

Wholesalers paid \$2 a hundred weight for haddock, \$2.75 for large cod, \$1.75 to \$2 for market cod and \$1.50 for hake. Halibut was quoted at 10 cents a pound for white and eight and one-half cents a pound for grays.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Marion, 2900 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 2500 cod.

Sch. Galatea, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 7000 cod, 10,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Delphina Cabral, 14,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Eleanora DeCosta, 22,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Aspinet, 110,000 haddock, 8500 cod, 8000 cusk, 800 halibut.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 26,000 haddock, 36,000 cod, 8000 cusk.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, 60,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 2000 hake, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Manhasset, 17,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 1800 cod, 15,000 hake, 3500 cusk.

Sch. Genesta, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2500 hake, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 2100 cod.

Sch. Harmony, 3000 salt cod, 75,000 halibut.

Haddock, \$2 per cwt; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3.25; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.35 to \$1.50; halibut, 10 cents for white and 8 1-2 cents for gray.

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### New Freezer Concern.

Among the corporations granted charters at the state house last week was the following:

Chatham Cold Storage and Weir Company, capital stock, \$50,000, Eugene A. Snow, George C. Parker, Helen I. Snow, directors.

### Going Salt Drifting.

Capt. Percy Firth who has been engaged in gill netting in steamer Jeffery, has abandoned that branch of the fishery and will fit sch. Patriot for salt drifting.

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# SEINERS IN FOR HARBOR

A letter written by Capt. Charles H. Harty from Chincoteague, Sunday states that the boats at that place are taking a few fish each day, although there has been no large hauls as yet.

Schs. Saladin, Capt. John Matheson, Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Ralph Webber and Arthur James, Capt. Archie Devine were in for harbor.

A despatch from Chincoteague this morning states that two boats landed 200 mackerel there today. Another despatch yesterday afternoon says that one craft also landed 200 large fresh mackerel.

### MADE TRIP TO THE BANKS.

#### Capt. Burrows Returns from Investigation of Beam Trawl Fishing.

Capt. John Burrows, one of a commission of five men recently appointed by Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield to investigate the condition of the beam trawl fisheries, has returned from a voyage to the Western Banks, 50 miles off Sable Island, on the steam trawler Spray, which left Boston April 5 and returned last Sunday afternoon.

While he gave no details concerning his findings on the condition of the fisheries, Capt. Burrows spoke in praise of Capt. Richard Tobin of the Spray and his crew.

### French Fishermen at Iceland.

The calling of the French fishermen off Iceland is one of the most dangerous and full of hardship. The season is short, from April to September inclusive and the fishing vessels are always under sail excepting when forced to lay to. The quarters of the men are full of discomfort as all possible space is devoted to the cargo. An average of one and sometimes two vessels founder or capsizes weekly and the following pathetic story is told of how an account of the lives lost is kept.

When a craft is overturned by the elements, the fishermen cling to its sides by means of driving their knives into the hull. One by one as their strength wanes, they slip into the sea, their last resting place. When a wreck is found, the knives in the hull are counted and their number reported to the first station.

The codfish run in compact bank over a hundred meters deep, and the fishing is done in regular crew watches. Heavily weighted lines are employed, each carrying several baits. Half the crew work the lines, while the other half prepare the fish and take a few hours' sleep.—Marine Journal.

### Lockeport, N. S., Fishing Notes.

Schs. R. L. McKenzie and Lulu S., "got a set" on Monday, the former taking 7000 pounds and the latter 5000 pounds of fine fish.

Sch. Ella M. Rudolph commanded by Capt. Charles Rudolph has fitted out for halibut catching and sailed for LaHave bank on Monday.

Sch. Alcyone is also preparing for halibut catching.

Alex Blades has taken command of sch. Gladys Thorburn and will fish from this port.

The Cold Storage Company's new gill netter Lily M. Hodge's secured about 2000 pounds the result of the first catch but next day her catch was only 200 pounds. These nets about 30 in number, are taken up in the morning and put on shore to be repaired and an equal number of fresh ones set in the afternoon and left in the water over night.

### A Great Reservoir.

Not only is the sea the reservoir into which all rivers run, but it is the cistern that finally catches all the rain that falls, not merely upon its own surface, but upon the surface of the land and upon the roofs of our houses. It has been calculated that each year a layer of the entire sea fourteen feet thick is taken up into the clouds. This vapor is fresh and, if all the water could be removed in the same way, none of it being returned, there would, it is figured, be left a layer of pure salt 230 feet high on the bed of the Atlantic. These figures are based upon the assumption that three feet of water contain one inch of salt and that the average depth of the ocean is three miles.—Marine Journal.

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# GREAT HALIBUT FARE -BIG PRICE

Sch. Harmony But 23

Days Out, Brings 75,000

Pounds -- Like Old

Times in This line

of Fishing.

With the largest halibut fare of the season, in fact the biggest in several years, sch. Harmony, Capt. Christopher Gibbs, arrived from a most successful cruise yesterday afternoon, hailing for 75,000 pounds of the finest kind of fish. The craft was gone just 23 days.

To use the fisherman's commonplace phrase, she was "loaded to the scuppers" and Capt. Gibbs lost no time in getting ashore and marketing his fare. Notwithstanding the large amount of halibut that has been landed here and at Boston during the past 10 days, the market still remains steady with a big demand and the fare was quickly disposed of to the New England Halibut Company at 10 cents a pound for white and eight and one-half cents a pound for grays. The Harmony was immediately taken in tow to Boston to take out her trip this morning at the New England Company's branch at that port.

Capt. Gibbs and his dandy trip and where he got them is naturally the talk of the water front today. Not since the famous trips from the Funks which were landed here a few years ago and Capt. Upshells' notable trip to Anticosti in 1909 when in sch. Preceptor he landed a 90,000 pound

fare has the Harmony's catch been duplicated. All sorts of rumors were afloat yesterday afternoon as to where Capt. Gibbs and his men had fished, but from what was gleaned today, it appears that the craft has been on no other spot than the famous Green Bank, where several of the fleet arriving of late have made some good catches.

During the trip out, the Harmony had the misfortune to break her main gaff, but the damage was repaired by the crew and the craft continued on her voyage and all hands kept to it until they had stowed away 75,000 pounds of halibut in her hold. Then Capt. Gibbs headed her for home, arriving in time to meet a good market, which means the record stock of the season and a fine net share for each of the crew as their part of the lucky three weeks trip out.

Not in a decade has the local halibut fleet done so well as recently. The fish seem to have returned to the old grounds and for several days past record trips have been the result. It looks like old times again and may the luck of the fleet continue.

And once again the question is wisely asked, "Why go to the Pacific to fish with such abundant opportunities right here at home to make more money, and easier, in the same line of business?"

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### New Craft Measured.

The new gasoline lobster smack, recently launched by Waddell of Rockport, measures 24.06 tons gross and 12.15 tons net. She is 59.2 feet long, 6 feet depth of hold and 14.3 feet beam.

The craft has been named the Little Ruth and was built for I. C. Harvey of Everett for carrying live lobsters.

### Caught a Sturgeon.

The gill netting steamer Harold brought in a small sturgeon which was taken in the craft's nets yesterday.



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# QUIET ALONG WATER FRONT

## No Arrivals Here This Morning—Some Fish to Split Yesterday Afternoon

### Neutral Water Is Taboo.

According to old fishermen there is what might be called neutral ground, or rather neutral water, in rivers, where there is no use of trying to make a catch—unless it be that some fool fish with a piscatorial brainstorm snatches bait like an insane human might grab a red hot stove.

This neutral water is the part of the river where its flow encounters the saline impregnation of the salt water of the bay or ocean into which it finally empties. With the ebb and the flow of the tide the salt water of the bay runs up into the river for miles, and on the reverse the fresh water descends several miles again to the bay leading into the salt sea.

There is a midway between the salt and fresh water points, however, that very seldom shifts. Around this midway shad and blue and other salt water fish, if they visit at all, will hover on the ocean side. On the fresh water fringe will loiter such fish as inhabit currents that are devoid of the saline ingredients. If the fisherman happens to cast bait in this neutral zone, he is not likely to get either one kind or the other.—New York Sun.

### Black Whale, Fifty Feet Long.

The whaling launch Camiguin came in the inner harbor at Long Beach towing the largest whale ever killed on the Southern California coast and the first one of the humped-backed variety, so far as known. It is fifty feet long and jet black in color.

The whale was sighted off Point Vincent and pursued to a point ten miles off El Segundo before it was finally killed. Five bombs and five harpoons were fired into the monster, tanks being attached to the harpoons to keep the carcass afloat. For a long time after the fifth bomb was fired into the whale kept up a terrific thrashing and the men in the launch, unable to get close to it, finally came home, trusting to the sealed tanks keeping the body afloat. This morning it was found in the channel and brought home.—Los Angeles Times.

### Whalers Subsist on Walrus.

Samuel Gottschalk of the whaling schooner Moras reached Nome after a trip of 100 miles over breaking ice in Bering strait with the news of the loss of the schooners Kittiwack and Moras and hardships endured by members of the crews.

The schooners were caught in the ice near the Siberian shore last fall and the crews landed boats to prepare winter quarters. Before the men were able to land all their provisions or make extensive preparations for the winter a great storm arose, preventing the return to their boats. During the storm the ice crushed the schooners. For three months the men subsisted on walrus, living in huts constructed of stones and ice, before they were able to attempt the passage over the broken ice to Seward peninsula and Nome.—Vancouver Sun.

### Study the Food End.

Says the Fishing Gazette editorially: Secretary Redfield voiced the hope of the whole fishing trade when he stated in a recent interview that he expected the Bureau of Fisheries would be prompted to study more closely in the future the effective production of food fishes as distinct from game or sport fishes. He is not alone in thinking that it is the supreme duty of the Bureau to aid in reducing the high cost of living by attending chiefly to the problems of cheap food supply as affected by the development of coast and inland fisheries.

### Foreign Mackerel Quiet.

Trading in all varieties of imported mackerel continues quiet and the market is easy, except on No. 1 Norways, the Fishing Gazette reports. Buying is of the hand-to-mouth order, and it remains to be seen what difference will result if the mackerel import duty is removed. The only receipts of Irish salt mackerel reported last week were 254 bbls. received at Boston.

### Good Catch of Alewives

The traps of Edgartown had 400 barrels of alewives in the traps yesterday, which are selling at 60 cents a hundred.

### Gone South Seining.

Sch. Arabia sailed for south mackerel seining this forenoon.

This morning was rather a quiet one after the past few days' activity, only two cases, both from Boston being here up to noon.

Sch. Harmony, which took out her mammoth halibut fare in Boston yesterday, brought 5000 weight of salt cod here, while sch. Mary E. Silveria has about 50,000 pounds of fresh fish to split.

Sch. Onato, which arrived yesterday from Boston, brought down 80,000 pounds of mixed fresh fish to split.

The gill netters did not fare so well as they have been doing, only about 40,000 pounds being brought in yesterday. The boats are still in the midst of the spring run of haddock, about 70 per cent. of yesterday's catch being of that variety and the remainder cod.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Onato, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 1700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 4200 lbs. (fresh fish).

Str. Philomena, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hope, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 1700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Harold II, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 2100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Randolph, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 3300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Harmony, via Boston, 5000 lbs. salt cod.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Arabia, south seining.

Sch. Good Luck, salt drifting.

Sch. Volant, Georges handlining.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer haddocking.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.

Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; mediums, \$4.25.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Peak cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 70c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.

Cusk, large, \$1.35; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 90c, round, 80c.

Bank halibut, 101-2c for white and \$3-4c for gray.

## NEWS FOR THE LAKE FISHERS

Menominee, Mich., April 8.—Fishing of all kinds for the past week was practically abandoned. The only fishermen doing anything were sucker fishermen, who had a fair week, although prices dropped off considerably. The ice in Green Bay is still solid, but not safe to travel upon.

and all of the hook fishermen have returned to the shore, as the ice is getting honeycombed and breaking up into small cakes.

The Michigan and Wisconsin legislators are getting together for the first time in years to make general laws relating to the fish industry in the two states and to define a definite boundary line between the two states. Heretofore, fishermen and wardens were uncertain as to the boundary between the states, and lawsuits did not help any, so it is expected a decision will be reached some time this month and a law submitted to the legislatures of both states making a certain boundary line between the two states.

The outlook at this writing for the spring pound-net season for herring is about the same as at this time last year. About the same number of nets will go into the water and the usual amount of flat herring will be salted. Prices look small, due to large holding in dealers' hands. Shipping of salt fish has been confined to small shipments, trade being especially dull in this line at present.

Travelers upon the Rapid railway along Lake St. Clair, says the Detroit "Free Press," are looking upon one of the most remarkable spectacles afforded by that region in years—"The Feast of the Gulls." The denizens of the sea have taken possession of the land, and one sees thousands of sea-gulls feeding upon the dead fish washed ashore in the flood of two weeks ago. The gigantic waves which tore up railway tracks and demolished houses, swept countless thousands of fish back over the land, often a full mile. The farmers in the vicinity were quick to gather the larger fish—perch, pickerel and bass—and salt them down. But when the waters receded the ground was seen to be covered with numberless other varieties.

The T. B. Walker boat was the first fish tug to set its nets out of Erie.

Cleveland, April 9.—The spring fishing out of Cleveland may be dated since the last issue of the Fishing Gazette, or, strictly according to date, Thursday, April 3, when, at a meeting held on that day, a working agreement covering Ohio ports only was entered into between the Fish Producers' Association and the Fishermen's Union, permitting boats owned by members of the association to set twine out of Ohio ports.

It so happened, however, owing to the recent flood and high water damage that quite a fleet of boats were undergoing repairs, and it was not until the early part of this week that the boats were quite ready to catch fish. The lifts so far vary from three tons to almost as many hundred pounds per boat, though the average catch is about one ton, exclusively herring, as the handful of pike and perch is, even in the aggregate, unquotable for market or selling purposes. The fishing ground for gill nets, and there is nothing doing yet in trap or pound net fishing, seems to be on a bearing of about 30 degrees, of between Northwest and North Northwest, at a distance of about 20 miles, though the first set came from the westward of the above position and it is thought to be quite likely that the shoal will circle more to the westward again at a later date. In any case, the fishermen are keenly after a production and every effort is being made to place twine in a position where it will do the most good, viz., where the fish is circling.

The Case Fish Co. report business brisk with large average daily catches by their fleet of boats, including the tugs Philip Schaeffer, Capt. Martin Anderson; Buckeye, Capt. Oscar C. Nielus; and the gasoline tug Weigand, Capt. Hansen, each individually owned tugs chartered for the season and landing all of their catch at the wharves of the Case Fish Co. There is already some talk of increasing floor space in this large house, and the enlargement will likely be brought about by the erection of a second story over that portion now containing only one.

eries Company, is at Erie, Pa., representing the interests of his house at a meeting of officers of the Fishermen's Union and the Lake Erie Fish Producers' Association.

The staid old reliable Republican daily, the Cleveland Leader, is being somewhat criticized this week by the fishermen, rank and file, for giving undue publicity to the Municipal Fish Company, which, after all, is not a municipal business venture at all, or, if so, is repudiated by the mayor as a municipal subsidiary.

The tugs Burns, Capt. Jones, and the Grace, Capt. John Harboldt, are fishing for Fred Schwartzberg.

The new wooden tug Caldera Capt. Alex Maciver, is fishing for Fred Wheeler. She has had several good lifts and the catch sells at 5 cents retail in the round.

Capt. William Masson, of the new steel tug Willard L., is among the high boat catches for the week, and has a close second in Capt. John Maciver, of the tug Edward C., both boats owned and fishing for the Case Fish Company.

It is yet difficult to ship fish to the southern part of the state, one of the express companies having to refuse all bookings on certain parts of their territory owing to flood damage.

The fishing tug Ralph M. Cooper, which was built for the Two Rivers Manufacturing Company, Two Rivers, Wis., and for several years past owned by Devine & Wondrasek, of Sturgeon Bay, and used in fishing out of Algoma, has been sold to Johnson & Jacobson, of Green Bay. The consideration is said to be \$2000. The tug will be turned over to its new owner as soon as navigation opens, and will be used in the sand dredging business.—Fishing Gazette, April 12.

The Booth Fishery Company has the largest fleet of boats now fishing out of this port, several of which are high priced, fully equipped, new steel or iron hulls and upper works. These craft, owned by a wealthy corporation, are a good poor men's ships as after the first cost is met, no other expenditures are necessary and the depreciation is at a minimum over a long period of years. The catches for the week varied between the several boats and averaged about two tons, although it is now noticed that the totals are dropping down to about the ton mark, and it is considered as quite probable that the lifts may show lighter catches within the next few days, although this view is in a measure speculative and personal rather than a foreknowledge of facts, as there is no telling one season from another what the shoal of herring may do in changing location or developing quantity.

The Cleveland Fish Company report all condition at their new house as being far in advance of their former somewhat limited dock and house room, especially the latter. Trade is said to be quite brisk since the opening of the fishing season, and the closest personal attention is given to the prompt filling of all orders. The tug Tim Desmond, Capt. David Wood, has been having fairly good lifts, and other contract producing lines keep the house well supplied with all Lake Erie varieties.

An important meeting between the Producers and Fishermen's Union is being held today at Erie, Pa., relative to agreeing on terms for the season's fishing in that district.

F. J. McAlphine, of the Booth Fish-

### Fulton Fish Market Notes.

Mackerel, butterfish and weakfish were added to the list of varieties on sale last week. While the supply was in no case large, still there was enough of each kind to cause small dealers to sit up and make inquiries as to price.

Between Saturday and Wednesday something like 100 fresh mackerel were received from Chincoteague, Va., and were rapidly disposed of at \$1.25 each. On Thursday, due to somewhat heavier arrivals, the price dropped to \$1.

Small pollock were quoted at \$3 to \$4 per barrel.

Codfish took a tumble on Thursday, steak fish selling at 6 cents per pound, while market cod brought 3 1-2 to 4 cents. On Saturday last steak fish were quoted at 9 to 11 cents, and market cod at 6 to 7 cents.

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